

from the International Fund for Ireland (a) will be distributed in accordance with the principle of equality of opportunity and non-discrimination in employment, without regard to religious affiliation, and (b) will address the needs of both communities in Northern Ireland.

You are authorized and directed to transmit this determination, together with the attached statement setting forth a detailed explanation of the basis for this certification, to the Congress.

This determination shall be effective immediately and shall be published in the *Federal Register*.

**William J. Clinton**

NOTE: This memorandum was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on September 23.

**Memorandum on Funding for the African Crisis Response Initiative**  
*September 22, 1997*

Presidential Determination No. 97-34

*Memorandum for the Secretary of State*

*Subject:* Transfer of \$4 million in FY 1997 Economic Support Funds to the Peacekeeping Operations Account to Support the African Crisis Response Initiative

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by section 610(a) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended (the "Act"), I hereby determine that it is necessary for the purposes of the Act that \$4 million of funds made available under Chapter 4 of Part II of the Act for fiscal year 1997 be transferred to, and consolidated with, funds made available under Chapter 6 of Part II of the Act.

I hereby authorize the use in fiscal year 1997 of the aforesaid \$4 million in funds made available under Chapter 4 of Part II of the Act to provide peacekeeping assistance to support countries participating in the African Crisis Response Initiative.

You are hereby authorized and directed to report this determination immediately to the

Congress and to arrange for its publication in the *Federal Register*.

**William J. Clinton**

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**Letter to Congressional Leaders on Iraq**  
*September 23, 1997*

*Dear Mr. Speaker: (Dear Mr. President:)*

Consistent with the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution (Public Law 102-1) and as part of my effort to keep the Congress fully informed, I am reporting on the status of efforts to obtain Iraq's compliance with the resolutions adopted by the United Nations Security Council (UNSC). This report covers the period from July 9 to the present.

Saddam Hussein remains a threat to his people and the region, and the United States remains determined to contain the threat posed by his regime. Secretary of State Albright stated on March 26 that the United States looks forward to the day when Iraq rejoins the family of nations as a responsible and law-abiding member but until then, containment must continue. Secretary Albright made clear that Saddam's departure would make a difference and that, should a change in Iraq's government occur, the United States would stand ready to enter rapidly into a dialogue with the successor regime.

In terms of military operations, the United States and its coalition partners continue to enforce the no-fly zones over northern Iraq under Operation Northern Watch and over southern Iraq through Operation Southern Watch. We have not detected any confirmed, intentional Iraqi violations of either no-fly zone during the period of this report. We have repeatedly made clear to the Government of Iraq and to all other relevant parties that the United States and its partners will continue to enforce both no-fly zones, and that we reserve the right to respond appropriately and decisively to any Iraqi provocations.

In addition to our air operations, we will continue to maintain a strong U.S. presence